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REMARKS		

1. 1970-1971 Study Board's Forest Resources
2. 1970-1971 Sample Inventory Study
3. AND OTHER Trials eventually approached that the United States
4. Price Germany demands this program to the restoration of National
5. Park Reservation West. The one of the primary purpose of our
6. National Reserve is to protect and provide the public supply of water
7. of the major streams in this country. This company promoted the
8. blossoming slopes of timberline mountains, with the same purpose being
9. done for public supply of water and they believe firmly to the
10. streams in the valleys below. This water supply is the lifeblood of
11. population. It carries millions of gallons of irrigation of their
12. crops. It bears the needs of industry, carries enough balance of
13. power plants. It carries millions of citizens with both water
14. and electricity. To make this valuable resource is something
15. we could do. To return it to basic principles of destruction, to
16. destroy property and human life is criminal negligence. This is
17. what we will provide a powerful weapon to the irrigation power
18. uncontrolled use, and an adequate force to the destruction of
19. those the United States Forest Service would be the outcome.
20. While the National Forests with abundant trees and an eye to the future
21. were similar could be more dependent and flood damage mainly
22. because of many other critical situations such as this would also
23. could have adequate protection and management.

(CONTINUED) Andrew who's ready to go again to the
Pine Consolidated Forest. Today we find Ranger Jim
Robbins and assistant Ranger Jerry Quick in the office
of the Ranger Station. Jerry is working busily at the
typewriter ...

6. ~~PAPER IS EXPENDED (OFF PAGE) 5 seconds, PAPER IS PULLED OUT OF MACHINE.~~

7. JIM (FADING IN) Here you are, Jim. I just finished the last
page.

8. JIM Fine, Jerry. How does it sound to you?

9. JERRY Gee, I think it's great, Jim. I'd have finished it a
lot sooner if I hadn't got so interested in reading it
instead of typing.

10. JIM Well, I hope those farmers and ranchers feel the same
way about it as you do.

11. JERRY What time's the meeting set for tonight?

12. JIM Eight o'clock at the school house.

13. JERRY Here in Winding Creek?

14. JIM It'll be over in High Stakes Valley, at the consolidated
school.

15. JERRY I'll bet everybody in the valley will be there.

16. JIM I reckon they will. But not to hear me. They'll be
there to hear the latest news on the progress of the
irrigation project for the valley. This meeting's the
last one before the project comes up for final
approval by the State Engineer.

13. TERRI So they seem to think it'll go there?

14. JIM I don't know about it, you want I help

15. TERRI Well, at the last joint time in the world for them to
discuss watershed protection if they're going to
talk about irrigation.

16. JIM I hope that's the way they feel about it. But I've
talked with them before, kind of them, and they didn't
seem to get very hot up about it.

17. TERRI You've been working on the plan for quite a while,
haven't you, Jim?

18. JIM Yes, I have. I got interested in High Stakey Valley
about two years ago, when I noticed there were some
spots where erosion was getting a good start.

19. TERRI When did they ask you to work up this plan for watershed
protection?

20. JIM About a month ago. The president of the Farmer's
Cooperative came down here to Windy Creek and asked
me if I'd work up a plan to present at this meeting.
Ever look at any of those farms in the valley, Jerry?

21. JIM Not very close, Jim. But they certainly look good
when you're just driving through.

22. JIM They look even better closer up -- except where the timber
has been overgrazed or erosion's got started -- There's
one particular farm up near the head of the valley -- I
don't the exact place I saw one -- owned by a million
times out on the west coast.

1. ERIN You know the place with the white stone house back
2. in the grove of pine trees?

3. JIM That's the one. You've noticed it too?

4. JERRY It's one of the best looking places over there.

5. JIM -- I'd like to no end to buy it some day.

6. JERRY And it, Jim?

7. JIM Bill Bass and I are gettin' along in years, and will
8. need a place of our own when we retire from active duty.

9. JERRY (LAUGHING) No wonder you're so interested in FORT
10. STONE'S VALLEY.

11. JIM (SIGHING) Well, even if I wasn't interested in that
12. town, I'd still do everything I could to help those
13. folks realize that they need to take good care of their
14. land if they expect it to go on making them a living.

15. JERRY And they'll see it, won't they, Jim?

16. JIM I hope so -- but they're all excited about this
17. irrigation project now. It'll be hard to get 'em to
18. think about anything else -- well, let's have a look
19. at that plan. (FADING) I want to check it before the
20. meeting so I can leave copies --

21. MUSIC UP AND OUT

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(OPT) -- and everybody I've talked to at the state capital says it looks like our project has every chance in the world of going through. The money has been promised. All we need now is the approval of the State Engineer. And I'm leaving tonight for the capital to be there in time for an appointment with him tomorrow afternoon.

8. APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE

9. VICTOR: That's good work, Colby. The credit's all yours.
10. CHAIRMAN: Well, I know we all agree that Mr. Colby has done a fine job as head of committee on the Irrigation project.
11. And as chairman of this association I want to express
12. our thanks to him.
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14. MORE APPLAUSE

15. CHAIR: Now, I've asked Jim Robbins, who most of you know, to
16. tell us about a plan he has worked out for watershed
17. protection here in the valley. Go ahead, Jim.
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(TADDO 24) Well, I'm mighty glad of a chance to talk
1. to you about watershed protection now because it's really work of education
2. information you, sir, you want to get. -- I've talked with some of you
3. about at tree time or time, so sort of you know what I'm talking about
4. and I might say right now that I'm not here to make a speech. I'd
5. like rather discuss this along with you - talk it over. -- Well now
6. to begin with, I've been interested in High Stake Valley for a long
7. while and I've noticed that in the last thirty years most of the
8. springs that used to be here have dried up, erosion's got started
9. in several places, and the water isn't clear and clean like it was
10. when I first saw the valley -- Now this erosion problem is caused
11. by two things mostly -- overgrazing, and fires that burn the brush
12. and timber off the watershed. You can see for yourselves how it's
13. been working -- especially the last ten years or so. The topsoil
14. has been washing off your slopes into the river, and now that there's
15. not much vegetation to hold the soil in the soil, you need
16. levigation. But I believe this situation can be remedied by
17. improving the condition of the watershed - by planting trees in gullies
18. areas, and by adjusting your sheep grazing methods to reduce the
19. stress on the watershed but it will take time -- If each one of you men
20. will bear the responsibility carrying out your share of the watershed
21. improvement plan, I think you'll find outside a surprisingly short
22. time that you'll have this erosion problem and the control of your
23. sheep pasturage well ticked -- And I'll be glad to do all I can to help
24. along -- Now if anybody's got any questions I'll try to answer them.

8. MURKIN: CROWD OF CONVERSATION

9. GOLDY: (PAUSE) What'll it cost us to do the planting up
10. ROBINSON?

11. JIM: Well, it'll run into some money for planting, stock and
12. labor. And it'll probably mean some reduction in livestock.
13. But I'd say the average wouldn't be more than between one
14. and two hundred dollars.

15. MURKIN: CROWD OF CONVERSATION

16. GOLDY: That's a pile of money to put into landscaping.
17. JIM: But it's an investment in your property that'll pay in
18. the long run.

19. GOLDY: Well, most of us won't be able to afford it now. That
20. we've got this irrigation project coming along.
21. JIM: But you have to have good soil to irrigate, or all the
22. water in the world won't do your crops any good.

23. CROWD SUESIDES

24. GOLDY: We have good soil here. All we need is a steady supply
25. of water.

26. JIM: But thirty years ago you didn't need water because there
27. were springs and plenty of vegetation covering the slopes
28. of the valley to store up a supply that lasted through
29. the year.

30. GOLDY: It'll be practically the same thing when the reservoir's
31. built.

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10. 20 - I promise, I know the reservoir will be
11. be taken from you today, but it won't pass without
12. the slopes or the valley are bare or broken and
13. erosion can and will move into the reservoir. We may
14. if you introduce rock now. You can see kind of
15. areas on the slopes which look like during a
16. hard rain, or it might sweep down onto the reservoir
17. and burst the dam. I've seen the same thing before
18. before. If you want a permanent filter supply you do
19. need a reservoir. But you can't expect us to hold
20. enough water to supply the whole valley all through the
21. summer. Now the main task is to clean land or soil
22. on mountain slopes is filtered as rapidly as the
23. soil is just as important as the water held back
24. by the dam. That's why I say, you have to make
25. another protection at your watershed so our hand
26. work at home are necessary now to keep this dam
27. Valley our best in the country.

28. GROUP OF CONVERSATION

29. CHAIRMAN (PAUSE) Any other discussion on this part of the Reservoir

30. GROUP DISCUSSES

31. CHAIRMAN (PAUSE) I don't know how everybody else feels about it
32. It looks to me like we have enough in the valley to take
33. care of the irrigation project and

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1. VOICES I agree with Colby. — That's what I'm say — More
2. we have

3. CHAIR Well, I think we ought to take some action on this one
4. way or the other

5. COLBY I move a motion we Radcliff plan be postponed until
6. we have more time for it

7. VOICES Second the motion.

8. CHAIR You all heard the motion. Anybody want to say anything
9. more about it before we take a vote? — All right.

10. Those in favor of postponing action on the plan say
11. "Aye."

12. VOICES "Aye!"

13. CHAIR Those against postponing action say "No." (PAUSE)
14. Motion is carried.

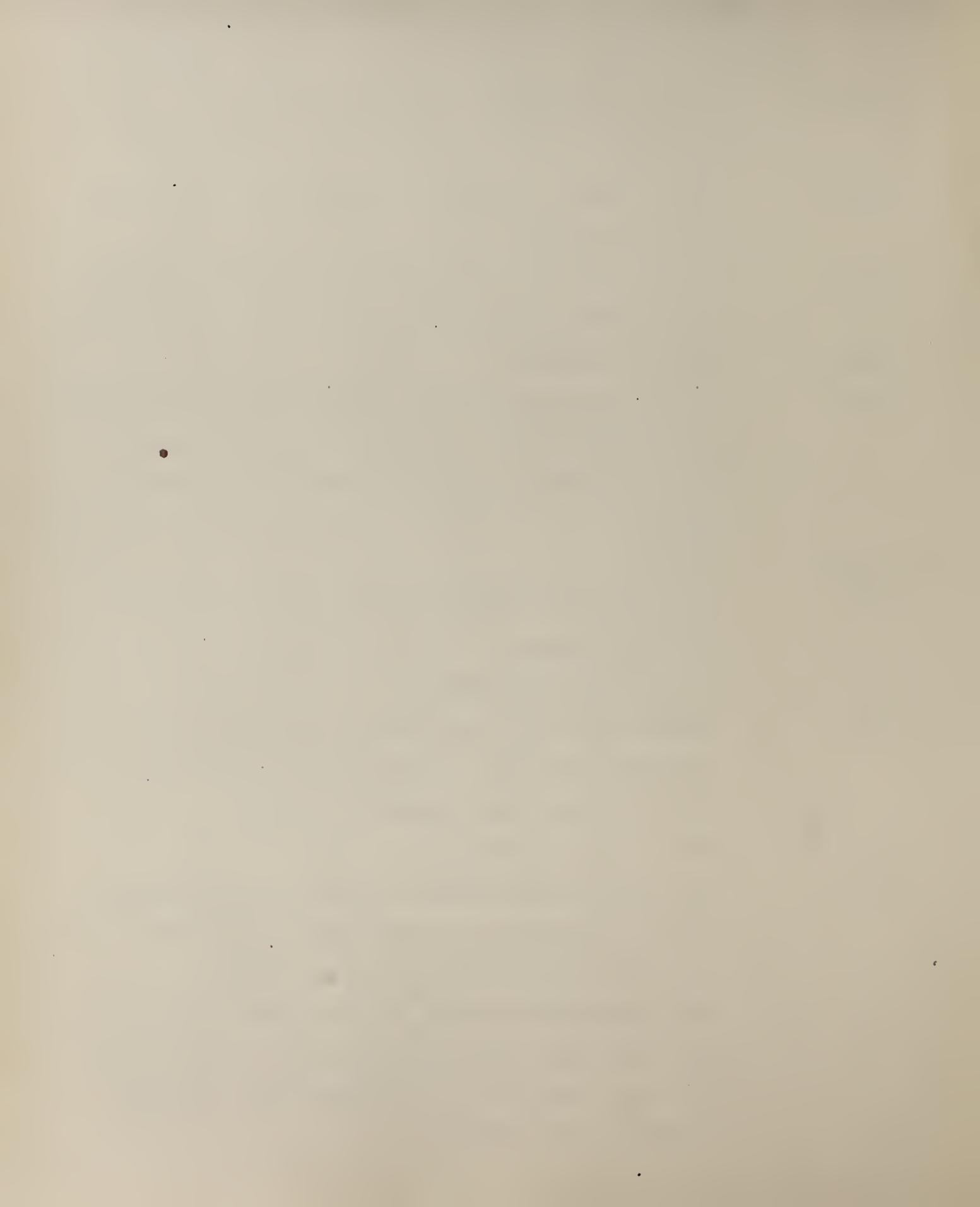
15. PUBLIC (HURRY AND PAST THEM FADES)

16. JIM (FINDING IN) Well, we've last night wasn't a good time
17. to present the plan, Jim, if they were all excited about
18. putting through the irrigation project.

19. JIM That's what it looks like.

20. JAMES You know you said yourself when we were clearing the
21. copies of the plan took them might be too busy to give
22. it's much consideration as it out to late.

23. JIM Lee, but those men most of 'em are tiger like fellows.
24. They know their job and he up with things. You'd
25. think they could work hot irrigation and watershed
protection work together.



From what you say, it sounds like Colby deliberately misses your questions.

No, Jerry, he really asked some good questions that give me a chance to point out better what I am trying to do.

Then why didn't he back you up?

Well, I reckon he just didn't see things the way I do -- ten years from now he'll wake up to the fact that what you said was true and then it'll be too late. Well I guess he has too much association with the irrigation project -- He's chairman of the committee. He said he was leaving last night after the meeting to go to the capital. The State Engineer's going to give them the final report on it Saturday --

15. WIGG UP AND OUT

16. DOOR OPENS

17. HARDING Come in Mr. Colby. I'm your Herding, the State Engineer.

18. DOOR CLOSES

19. COLBY (TADING IN) Glad to meet you Mr. Herding

20. HERDING Want to pull up this chair here beside my desk?

21. COLBY Thank -- I want to tell you we're pulling up the High Bluffs Valley appropiate all the trouble you've gone through in this proposition.

... 1. HORN
2. ... we always feel that we have to do a thorough
3. job of investigating the situation before we start
4. on a project like yours.

5. COLEBY
6. ... you had a crew up there for almost two weeks didn't
7. you?

8. HARD
9. Yes, we did. Site irrigation's extremely important
10. to this State. And what happens to High Sierras
11. Valley in the long run affects all of us.

12. COLEBY
13. I guess it does at that

14. HARD
15. Well, (PICKS UP PAPERS) Here's the report we're
16. submitting on it -- I don't think you'll be pleased
17. by it, Mr. Coleby.

18. COLEBY
19. What's that?

20. HARD
21. Well -- as you know, we've made a thorough study of
22. irrigation and watershed conditions in your valley.

23. COLEBY
24. You

25. HARD
26. And on the basis of what we have found, we will not
27. be able to recommend the construction of a reservoir.

28. COLEBY
29. But I don't understand. The funds have been lined up
30. and the lease is under option now.

31. HARD
32. I know. But we can't afford to spend our money on an
33. investment that wouldn't be profitable. I believe
34. you've overlooked --

1. This report that's going to the Committee says that
2. the vegetative cover of clastic, trees and shrubs in
3. the High Stakes drainage has been stripped clean in
4. some places to the extent that erosion of the soil
5. has become a major problem.

6. erosion - eh - I see.

7. RARD. From what I've seen of river conditions like those in
8. your valley, I would judge there has been some
9. over-grazing, and too much timber cutting and burning
10. in the watershed. When erosion gets a start, it
11. doesn't take many years for it to become dangerous.

12. COOLD. Yes - I know.

13. RARD. Why you people have been losing your farms so the
14. trees, to the extent of several tons of your best
15. topsoil every time you had a heavy rain. You know
16. the sort of thing can't go on forever. Because the
17. topsoil washes away a great deal faster than it
18. accumulates.

19. COOLD. I - I suppose so.

20. RARD. You'll have to plant trees and shrubs and get more
21. grass on your watershed again, to hold down the water
22. store it up in the ground. Then, perhaps, within a few
23. years the amount of silt carried in the river will be
24. decreased enough so that we can consider the construction
25. of a reservoir - Now, if you want me to I'd be glad to
recommend that the State consider High Stakes Valley for
watershed protection project. To do so, the Forest Service
can give us some advice on it. Some of them live down
country pretty well -

1. DAVIS 1984, now in — No additional info available

2. HAROLD JOHN DONG continued FAXED, too many

3. GULZEE see

4. HAROLD I am sending you about this. Since last night (7/18) I have had one dead bird. Pretty smart don't you? I guess. You know what?

5. JEWELL Tom - only I didn't realize how many he was catching —
that's why I didn't want to do it.

6. JEWELL AND OTT

7. LIPINSKI Native Hawk Watch Results coming to you every Friday
in the Paper and Final Report Issued by the Committee of the
National Mammal Commission with the cooperation of
the United States Forest Service.

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